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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

### **The Detroit News: Judicial Tenure Commission dismisses Hathaway ethics complaint**

"The Michigan Judicial Tenure Commission has dropped its ethics complaint against former state Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway after she pleaded guilty to bank fraud in federal court last week."

[Full story](#)

#### **Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Judicial watchdog drops complaint against Diane Hathaway**

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### **Associated Press: Judicial watchdog drops complaint against Hathaway**

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### **MLive.com: Judicial Tenure Commission drops complaint against former Michigan Supreme Court justice Diane Hathaway**

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### **The MiLW Blog: JTC closes Hathaway file**

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### **WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: No need to pursue ethics complaint against Hathaway, Michigan judicial watchdog says**

[Full story](#)

### **WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Watchdog group drops complaint against former State Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway**

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### **Detroit Free Press: Detroit dad's visitation suspended**

"[Wayne County Juvenile Court Judge Frank Szymanski] temporarily suspended Monday a father's visitation to his three sons, who were removed from their Detroit home after their 8-year-old sister was fatally stabbed."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Free Press: Lawyer stole Warren teens' \$389,000 trust fund, prosecutors charge**

"... [St. Clair Shores attorney Robert Bushmohle] is expected to be arraigned in 37th District Court on a charge of embezzlement over \$100,000, a 20-year felony, although it's not clear when the arraignment will happen."

[Full story](#)

#### **Also see:**

### **The Macomb Daily: Macomb County attorney accused of stealing \$389,000 from trust fund**

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Government offices, courts closed on Feb. 15 (fifth article)**

"Macomb County government offices and courts will be closed Feb. 15 for an employee furlough day. They also will be closed Feb. 18 in observance of Presidents Day. Emergency services and 24-7 functions will continue to operate."

[Full story](#)

### **The Daily Tribune: Judge Caretti's companion to challenge drunken driving arrest in court**

"The girlfriend of a Macomb County judge accused of drunken driving with the judge's two juvenile children in her vehicle will fight the charge, her attorney said Monday after a court hearing. Brenda Conway, 50, of Troy, appeared in 46th District Court in Southfield for a pretrial on the allegation she drove drunk while circuit court Judge Richard Caretti and his two children were passengers in her SUV last month."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Macomb Daily.**

### **Flint Journal: Flint federal judge denies order that would let convicted Owosso attorney continue to practice law**

"A federal judge declined to sign an order Friday that would have allowed [Owosso attorney Michael Hoy] to continue practicing law until he was sentenced for illegally possessing an unregistered machine gun."

[Full story](#)

### **Grand Rapids Press: 90-day suspension sought for Ottawa County Judge Ken Post after attorney is jailed in 2011**

"The executive director of a judicial watchdog group is asking for a 90-day suspension without pay for Ottawa County Judge Ken Post after the judge jailed an attorney for contempt. Paul Fischer, executive director of the state Judicial Tenure Commission, sought the reprimand [Monday] during a hearing before the nine-member commission in Detroit."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Grand Haven Tribune: Ottawa County judge's record scrutinized**

[Full story](#)

### **The MiLW Blog: Suspension sought for Ottawa judge after attorney is jailed in 2011**

[Full story](#)

### **Heritage Newspapers: NATION: State Court Administrative Office warns of scam involving missed jury duty**

"It may sound official and intimidating: you receive a phone call or e-mail claiming to be from a local court and telling you that you missed jury duty. There is a bench warrant out for your arrest, and you face 30 days in jail, but the so-called 'court' offers you a way out: pay \$500 by credit card."

[Full story](#)

### **Jackson Citizen Patriot: Former judge James Justin pleads guilty to four misdemeanor counts before jury gets chance to deliberate**

"Former Jackson County District Judge James Justin pleaded guilty on Tuesday, Feb. 5, to four misdemeanor counts of willful neglect of duty. He did so before lawyers gave closing arguments in a jury trial that began Monday, Feb. 4, eliminating the possibility of a jury verdict, and after the Michigan attorney general's office agreed to amend the charges against Justin."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Jackson Citizen Patriot: Defense lawyer believes former judge James Justin's crime always was misdemeanor; Other judges dismiss tickets too, he said**

[Full story](#)

## **WLNS-TV(6)/Lansing: Former Judge Pleads Guilty to Misdemeanors**

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **WILX-TV(10)/Lansing: Dramatic Change in Judge's Trial**

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Lansing State Journal: Editorial: Let full court process run on RTW**

"Legal arguments against Michigan's new right-to-work law should be allowed to go through the normal court process, despite a request from Gov. Rick Snyder asking the Supreme Court to make a direct ruling on questions involving the controversial law."

[\*Full story\*](#)

**\*\* The article is available by subscription only.**

## **Macomb County Legal News: Founder of law school addresses graduates**

"... In honor of the school's 40th anniversary, Thomas E. Brennan, founder of Cooley Law School and former Michigan Supreme Court chief justice, addressed the graduates.... Brennan founded the school in 1972 and served as dean and president until his retirement in January, 2002."

[\*Full story\*](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

## **MLive.com: Tim Skubick: Lawsuit to bounce right-to-work law is likely going nowhere**

"Well-intentioned folks are asking the courts to bounce the right-to-work law because the state capitol was locked during a portion of the fight over RTW.... The Michigan Education Association was the first to file suit last December, but now others have joined but have added nothing new to the legal briefs other than to deplore the whole process."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Muskegon Chronicle: Driving up fees: Muskegon County man's case shows driver responsibility fees' long-term impact**

"Jacob Wayne Goodwin of Egelston Township may not fit the profile of an accused criminal. But the Army veteran, husband, father and full-time college student is one."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **The Oakland Press: Appeal denied to prevent sale of school in West Bloomfield to Islamic cultural group**

"Two men who have spoken out against the sale of Eagle Elementary School in West Bloomfield to an Islamic cultural group have had an appeal denied by the Michigan Supreme Court. Eugene Greenstein and Melvyn C. Sternfeld have protested the sale of the school, located at 32220 Franklin Road, near 14 Mile and Middlebelt roads."

[\*Full story\*](#)

**Also see:**

## **Oakland County Legal News: Court rejects appeal in mosque controversy**

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